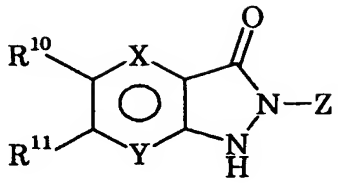
CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein X and Y are each CR^1 or N;

one of R^{10} and R^{11} is R^1 and the other is W;

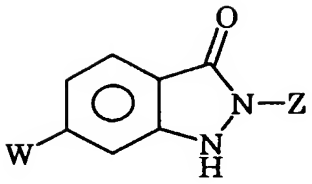
each R^1 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, haloC_{1-4}alkyl or haloC_{1-4}alkoxy;

W is a phenyl ring or a six-membered heteroaromatic ring containing one, two or three nitrogen atoms, which ring is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C_{1-6}alkylamino, di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, haloC_{1-6}alkyl, haloC_{1-6}alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl or aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; and

Z is a phenyl ring or a six-membered heteroaromatic ring containing one, two or three nitrogen atoms, which ring is substituted at least at the position *para* to the attachment of the ring to the rest of the molecule by halogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C_{1-6}alkylamino, di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, haloC_{1-6}alkyl, haloC_{1-6}alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl or aminoC_{1-6}alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of ~~claim~~ 1 ~~represented~~ by formula (IA);



(IA)

wherein W is phenyl or pyridyl optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-2}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkoxy, haloC_{1-2}alkyl or haloC_{1-2}alkoxy; and

Z is phenyl or pyridyl substituted at the position *para* to the point of attachment to the rest of the molecule by halogen, C_{1-2}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkoxy, haloC_{1-2}alkyl or haloC_{1-2}alkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. A compound selected from:

1,2-dihydro-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-6-(3-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

1,2-dihydro-6-(3-methyl-2-pyridinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

1,2-dihydro-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinyl)-3H-indazol-3-one;

1,2-dihydro-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-indazol-3-one; and

1,2-dihydro-6-(3-methyl-2-pyridinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3H-pyrazolo [3,4-b]pyridin-3-one;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds of any one of claims 1-3, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

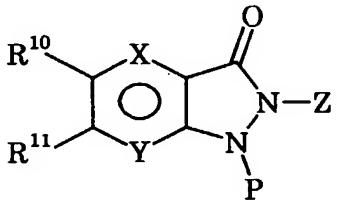
5. A compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in treatment of the human or animal body.

6. The use of a compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of physiological disorders that may be ameliorated by modulating VR1 activity.

7. The use of a compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a disease or condition in which pain and/or inflammation predominates.

8. A process for the preparation of a compound of claim 1, which comprises:

(A) reacting a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (III):

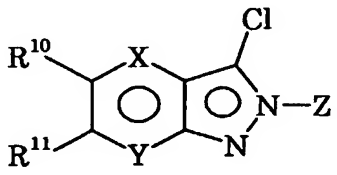


(II)

(III)

wherein W, X, Y and Z are as defined in claim 1, P is hydrogen or a protecting group, one of R^{10} and R^{11} is R^1 as defined in claim 1 and the other is L^1, and one of L and L^1 is Cl or Sn(alkyl)$_3$ and the other is bromine or chlorine;

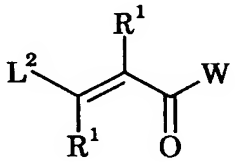
(B) reacting a compound of formula (IV) with a compound of formula (III):



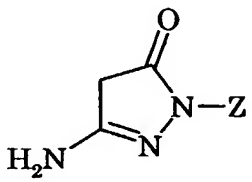
(IV)

wherein X, Y and Z are as defined in claim 1 and R^{10} and R^{11} are as defined above; or

(C) for compounds wherein X is CR^1, Y is N, R^{10} is R^1 and R^{11} is W, reacting a compound of formula (X) with a compound of formula (XI):



(X)



(XI)

wherein R^1, W and Z are as defined in claim 1 and L^2 is a leaving group.

9. A method for the treatment or prevention of physiological disorders that may be ameliorated by modulating VR1 activity, which method comprises administration to a patient in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a composition comprising a compound of claim 1.

10. A method for the treatment or prevention of a disease or condition in which pain and/or inflammation predominates, which method comprises administration to a patient in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a composition comprising a compound of claim 1.